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# Powder keg Ukraine

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# April

Tue, April 19th, 8.00 PM

## The Effect of Propaganda in Russian Society. (EN)

The effect of Kremlin-sponsored propaganda is heavily underestimated. It is not only waging wars but literally destroying families and driving people to extremes. Why is it so efficient? What makes it popular? **Sergey Golubok** is an international human rights lawyer from St Petersburg. He represents among others clients before the European Court of Human Rights in cases against the Russian Federation.

Wed, April 20th, 8.00 PM

## In Search of De-Escalation and An End to Violence. (NL)

To end the violence in Ukraine, the West must do whatever it takes to make room for negotiations and prevent nuclear war. Increasing military budgets reflects the opposite of de-escalation. **Wendela de Vries** works for **Stop Arms Trade**, that conducts research into the arms trade, weapons deployment and the weaponry lobby. Wendela advocates conflict prevention, diplomacy and disarmament.

Thu, April 28th, 8.00 PM

## The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Global Food security. (NL)

Russian tanks and rockets prevent the harvesting of food crops in Ukraine. The West is confronted with rising food prices, countries dependent on food imports with famine and unrest. The global lack of food security is becoming painfully clear. **Frans van der Steen** is chair of the **Foundation Local Food The Hague** and active on the field of food security.

# May

Tue, May 3rd, 8.00 PM

## Pacifism in Times of Hot War. (NL)

What does this war do to us and what remains of pacifist ideas? How can we support the Ukrainians? Are there lessons to be learned for other activists, such as those from Extinction Rebellion? **Mari Beks** is an anti-militarist and initiator of **Onkruit**. He is against military violence, but for civilian resistance. **Frits ter Kuile** is a conscientious objector and peace activist, affiliated with the **Catholic Workers**.

Tue, May 10th, 8.00 PM

## The Announced Yet Unexpected War in My Country. (EN)

The invasion by Russia did not come by surprise after the wars in Chechnya, Transnistria, Georgia, Crimea and Eastern Ukraine. Sergii saw this invasion coming, especially after the Orange Revolution and the Maidan Uprising. **Sergii Shevchenko** is from Kharkiv, he works in IT and has been living now in The Hague for 5 years with his partner, who is from Crimea.

Wed, May 11th, 8.00 PM

## Solidarity with Refugees. (NL)

The arrival of Ukrainian refugees does not lead to a better understanding of refugees from other war zones. Instead, it leads to a razor-sharp dichotomy between good and unwanted (war) refugees. Is that inevitable? **Chris Keulemans** is a traveling writer. He was chairman of the **Amsterdam Refugee Support Center**. In March he traveled along the Polish borders with Ukraine and Belarus.